

May 24, 2020

Service of Worship

Prelude

“The Old Rugged Cross”

Grace Notes

Welcome

Meditation Verse

Isaiah 40:8, ESV

The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

Come Let Us Worship Our God

Call to Worship

Psalm 145:1-3, ESV

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless Your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless You and praise Your name forever and ever.

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and His greatness is unsearchable.

Songs of Praise

“Revive Us Again”

White Songbook #14

“Roman Doxology”

White Songbook #20

“In Christ Alone”

White Songbook #10

Prayer of Adoration

For the Old Testament readings, we are currently reading through the book of Psalms.

Scripture Reading

Psalm 87, ESV

Leader: On the holy mount stands the city He founded; the Lord loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwelling places of Jacob.

People: Glorious things of You are spoken, O city of God.

Leader: Among those who know Me I mention Rahab and Babylon;

People: behold, Philistia and Tyre, with Cush – “This one was born there,” they say.

Leader: And of Zion it shall be said, “This one and that one were born in her”;

People: for the Most High Himself will establish her.

Leader: The Lord records as He registers the peoples, “This one was born there.”

ALL: Singers and dancers alike say, “All my springs are in you.”

Hymn of Adoration

“How Firm a Foundation”

Red Hymnal # 94

For the New Testament readings, we are currently reading through the book of Romans.

Romans 8:18-25, ESV

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Call to Confession

James 1:22-25, ESV

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. For he looks at himself and

goes away and at once forgets what he was like. But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

Prayer of Confession

Hymn of Assurance

“Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder”

Red Hymnal #172

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Doxology

Red Hymnal #731

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

***Hymn of Dedication**

“More About Jesus Would I Know”

Red Hymnal # 538

Hear the Word of the Lord

Sermon Text

Matthew 2:16-23, ESV

Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. ¹⁷ Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:

¹⁸ “A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be comforted, because they are no more.”

¹⁹ But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, ²⁰ saying, “Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead.” ²¹ And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the

land of Israel. ²² But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. ²³ And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, so that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, that he would be called a Nazarene.

Sermon

“A Different Kind of Battle”

Dave Durant

Introduction: The apostle Matthew wanted to share the good news about Jesus with his fellow Jews, but first he had to overcome the picture that they already had of their Messiah and of the battle He would fight for their salvation.

A. Herod’s rule as King of Judea provides a picture of Israel’s spiritual condition

1. He was an Edomite and not a Jew, a usurper to the throne of Israel, and an evil man who killed little children in his effort to destroy Jesus
 - Coming to earth, Christ came to a war zone
2. God’s people had become the servants of the devil – John 8:43-44
 - Their true leader was not Herod but the devil

B. Christ fought a spiritual war, overcoming the devil, sin, and death

1. Later, Christ would fight His enemy at the cross, but now was the time to flee and hide
 - Sometimes we are to flee, and sometimes we are to fight (Rev. 2:11 and Rom. 8:36-37)
2. God promises to restore what we lose in this war (Mat. 19:29), including the little children of Bethlehem (Mat. 5:11-12, Luk. 18:15-16, 2Sa. 12:33)

C. Jesus fought our battle for us at the cross and won

1. Being called a Nazarene, a term of contempt, was part of God's plan, that His Son would be rejected, crucified, and overcome through the weakness of death
2. Saved by His death, we are translated into His kingdom (Col. 1:13)

A print version of the sermon is available. If you would like a copy, please contact the church office.

Responding to the Father's Love

Hymn of Response

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Red Hymnal #529

Benediction

Postlude

"John 14:15-17"

Choir

Praying for the Body

Health Concerns

Church: Sharon Benz, Tom Criss, Delora Howerton, Ardyce Stevens, and Grace Greenslit

Relatives: Terry Sipes's brother, Rusty Ray, and nephew, Scott

General

Unsaved in our families

Our Session, Deacons, and Church Staff

State and National government officials

Active military

College students

Church Ministries

Pleasant View Nursing Home and Youth Programs

Missions

Jon & Olya Powell (MTW Ukraine) -

- Jon's seminary courses have all been moved online this summer, and so we will remain in VA at least until August, when we anticipate moving out to St. Louis ahead of the fall semester. Pray for wisdom and clarity regarding our plans for the fall.
- We officially kick off our transition process with MTW next week. MTW is holding all their onboarding meetings virtually over the course of the next month. Please pray for that process to go smoothly and to be beneficial to us. Please pray for us as we seek to add supporters over the coming months in the midst of such bleak economic conditions. It's hard not to be anxious.
- Please pray for the church in Lviv and the student ministry in particular. They are experiencing similar conditions of lockdown during the pandemic, and a number of students are struggling to remain encouraged. Please pray they would be able to increasingly find contentment in Christ during this time.
- Please pray for Olya's mom and grandmother in Ukraine, for God to watch over them and to give them faith.

Kirk & Anna Norris (MTW Ukraine) -

- Praise God that He has changed hearts during the quarantine in Lviv. One girl wrote and shared that she is even thankful for the quarantine, as it has forced her to understand God and herself more deeply. (We have also had more people viewing our church services than usually come on Sundays, which is neat.)
- Praise God that Anna and our baby have experienced good health as Anna enters week 34 of the pregnancy; please pray for safe delivery for our baby in late June.
- Pray for wisdom for us in leading the university ministry. Everyone has "Zoom fatigue," and they need spiritual nourishment and community. We will not have our annual English Camp, which has been our largest outreach event.

Special Needs

- Please be in prayer for Grace Greenslit, currently living at Lorien for rehabilitation due to her broken ribs. Please pray for her continued healing and encouragement. (see announcements)
- Please pray for Sharon Benz who is still undergoing 5 day- a- week radiation treatments for a tumor in her left lung, located near some other vital tissues, including her heart. Pray that the treatment will be effective for eliminating the tumor without doing any harm elsewhere.
- Please pray for Terry Sipes's nephew, Scott, who has been diagnosed with cancer which has metastasized to his spine. He recently had spine surgery to insert a rod in his spine to stabilize the part that has disintegrated. The tumor is pressing on his spinal cord. Pray that the radiation will reduce the size of the tumor and that he will heal well from the surgery; also pray that Scott and his family would draw closer to God and rely upon Him.
- Please continue to pray for our medical professionals and those who must continue to work with and have contact with the public – pray God will protect their health and make them a blessing to those with whom they interact.
- Please pray for both our professional teachers and our parents who have become teachers to students at home. Pray that God will give them patience, wisdom, energy and creativity as they make plans to educate and care for their students.
- Please pray for residents and employees at Lorien and Pleasant View Nursing Home in Mt Airy, as well as other nursing homes, as many have become infected with the coronavirus.
- Please continue to pray for our church officers, who are meeting regularly online; they are praying for us all and hope to encourage us through their work. Please do not hesitate to contact any of them with your needs or requests.
- Please continue to pray for each other – members of our church family – that God will strengthen and sustain our church.
- Please pray for wisdom for our leaders as they make impactful decisions during this pandemic.

Calendar

- **Tuesday, May 26th and subsequent Tuesdays** at 7:00 pm- Prayer meeting via Zoom (see announcement below for details)
- **Wednesdays** from 7-9 pm – New Market Small Group meeting via Zoom

- **Saturdays** from 4-5 pm- Woodbine Small Group will be meeting weekly by “video conference” for Bible study and prayer. Contact Barry Downey at bdowney@smithdowney.com or 410 -961- 9468 if interested in joining.

Announcements

Worship Services continue to be available online at the church website (mtairypca.org). When we are able to make some definite plans to return to the building, we will let you know.

The church office will be closed on Monday, May 25th in observance of Memorial Day.

Cornerstone Academy will be holding a modified commencement ceremony at the church this week, outdoors. Practice will be on Tuesday, May 26 from approximately 2:30-4:30 in the afternoon; the actual ceremony will be held Wednesday, May 27, from 7 -8 pm. If you stop by the church building occasionally to check mail or for another reason, you might want to avoid coming at those times. However, since two of our own church young people, Caleb & Cameron Sterling, will be graduating, feel free to come and show your support by sitting in your car and observing the ceremony from the parking lot (parents will be doing the same). A sound system will be set up so you will be able to hear.

Copies of the May *Tabletalk* devotional are available in the church office. If you would like us to mail a copy to you, please contact us and let us know.

Grace Greenslit is able to receive mail while in rehabilitation. Address mail to her in Room 49B, Lorien Mt Airy, 713 Midway Avenue, Mt. Airy, MD 21771.

Online weekly prayer meetings are taking place using the Zoom app/program on Tuesday evenings. Everyone should have received an email invitation to join us. If you have not received one, or if you have received an invitation but are unsure of how to begin the process of joining, please contact the church office. Although an email invitation is necessary, you may actually participate using a landline phone as well as cell phones and electronic devices.

Missions and Missionaries

International Missionaries

Larry & Sandy Rockwell	Peru (MTW)
Roberta Brown	Japan (MTW)
Pamyla Burrack	Germany (MTW)
Marcus & Bethany Gadson	England (Serge)
Matt & Tara	West Africa (MTW)
Dan Faber	China (IXO)
Craig & Ree Coulbourne	Japan (MTW)
Garry & Anita Chambers	Belize (MTW)
Matt & Ellen Zell	Honduras (Equip Intl)
Adam & Michelle Cain	Honduras (MTW)
Jon & Olya Powell	Ukraine (MTW)
Kirk and Anna Norris	Ukraine (MTW)
Johnny & Annette Johnson	Czech Republic (MTW)
Barb & Ken Scheffter	PAC Ministry (MTW)

Local Missions

English as a Second Language	Mt. Airy, MD
Frederick Rescue Mission	Arnold Farlow, Frederick, MD
Reformed University Fellowship	Chris Garriott, UMD

Short Term Missions

Belize	Ernest Betson, Unity Presbyterian Church
Peru	Larry & Sandy Rockwell
Ukraine	Powell/ Norris

General Fund Financial Report			
Last Week's Giving	Weekly Budget Goal	Year to Date Giving	Year to Date Budget Goal
\$11,197.00	\$8,791.59	\$136,638.72	\$175,831.80
Building Fund Weekly Financial Report			
Original Loan Amount	Last Week's Giving	Year to Date Giving	Loan Balance*
\$1,600,000	\$0.00	\$4,610.00	\$179,656.16

All offerings to the Building Fund are applied directly to the loan principal.

**Balance amounts are as of preceding month's end.*

Ordained Leaders at MAPC:

Pastor

Dave Durant

Assistant Pastor

Jerry Maguire

Ruling Elders

Pete Brophy, Jeff Cagle, Barry Downey,
John Horst, Gregg Moore, Mike Zeher

Deacons

Denis Brady, Tom Criss,
Joshua Davis, Ken Hohl, Jamie Moore

Church Staff:

Administrative Assistant- Janet Geary

Assistant to the Pastor and Deaconate- Ken Wilhelm

Bookkeeper- Pat Moore

Choir Director- Barb Scheffter

Ministry Leaders:

Christian Education Committee- Barry Downey

Children's Bible Time- Jessica Davis

ESL ministry- Ken Hohl

mainly music[©]- Hal Ball

MAPC Homeschool Umbrella- Kathy Durant and Janet Geary

Missions Committee- Ken Hohl

Nursery- Colleen Cagle and Stefanie Esbrandt

Sunday School Coordinator- Becky Wiggin

Vacation Bible School- Colleen Cagle and Vicki Olson

Women's Ministries- Sharon Benz and Kathy Durant

Worship Committee- Pete Brophy

Youth Group -Emily Benz and Jamie Moore

A complete list of ministry leaders is available in the front of the church directory.